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11. (SBU) EST M/C delivered reftel points to Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (MHLW) Assistant Minister for Technical Affairs Takashi Toguchi on May 10. A non-paper was sent to the Ministry in advance of the meeting. Toguchi explained that Japan would base its decision on the actual proceedings of the WHA meeting, but admitted that Tokyo's position on the destruction of the variola virus stocks was similar to that of the United States - namely that it was still premature. He concluded that the ultimate goal should be the destruction of the virus.

12. (SBU) Toguchi said that the Japanese delegation would like to consult closely with the U.S. representatives during the Assembly. He will head the Japanese delegation to the WHA. In addition to smallpox, Tokyo would also like to work very closely with Washington on IPR issues at the Assembly.

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